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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN PRESS ON DEMISE OF MAO

1. EGYPTIAN DAILIES SEPTEMBER 10 CONFINE THEMSELVES TO STRAIGHTFORWARD TREATMENT OF DEATH OF CHAIRMAN MAO FROM WIRE SERVICE STORIES. AHRAM BANNER HEADLINES PASSING OF MAO AND DEVOTES MUCH OF FRONT PAGE TO CHINESE EVENTS, BUT CHAIRMAN'S PASSING RECEIVED SECONDARY FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT IN BOTH AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA. AHRAM COVERS CAUTIOUS REACTIONS FROM BOTH MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON CONCERNING FUTURE DIRECTION OF CHINESE INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLICY, BUT VERY LITTLE SPECULATION EXISTS IN EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE. COMMENT ON SINO-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS ALSO ABSENT. PAPERS REPORT MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM PRESIDENT SADAT AND THAT EGYPT WILL OBSERVE SEVEN-DAY MOURNING PERIOD. WHICH EGYPTIAN LEADER, IF ANY, TO TRAVEL TO PEKING FOR FUNERAL NOT MENTIONED.

2. COMMENT: IT APPEARS PRESS WAITING FOR GUIDANCE TREATMENT OF PRC. MAO'S PASSING COULD BE OCCASION FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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